

And I am not speaking disparagingly. I think that the bill has some merit but I want to just call to mind a couple of specific instances. First of all, I mentioned 474, and I do not refer to no funding, I refer to massive underfunding, and the implications of massive underfunding can have upon a program, whether it is soil conservation. For example, 1106 of several years ago where once again I foolishly thought that I was being assured, not by the Legislature or any of their members, that there would be \$20 million in the Water Management Fund, and we are, by now, \$100 million short in that program. Secondly, I call to mind a bill we passed several years ago which at this time now should become active, that is the Midwest Grain Marketing Compact, where five states have come together and agreed upon entering into a provision whereby we each appropriate \$50,000 to fund the provisions of the compact. If this Legislature chose not to provide those funds, and in fact those funds are not at this time provided for in any part of the budget bills that I am aware of, does that in fact then suspend our participation in the compact, or, number two, could the, and I hope someone comments on this, could the various commodity boards appropriate funds to take care of that responsibility, and does that fulfill our requirement, or does the fact that there was no specific appropriation made by the committee in fact suspend the Midwest Grain Marketing Compact? I guess I am a little concerned about that. I am also a little concerned about how this might impact upon deficit appropriations. I am also concerned at this time, and I agree with Senator Hall and Senator Lamb, I think the bill is probably all right. I believe the committee amendment is all right, but I believe we should review with the Chairman of the Appropriations Committee and the members what impact this does have upon programs such as the commodity checkoff programs, number one, the beef checkoff program where the vast majority of the funds are sent out of the state; number two, the ethanol checkoff program which will amass a considerable amount of money and does it, in effect, limit the ability of the ethanol board to expend those funds since we do not know within the terms of many millions of dollars how much money will be available, or does it, in effect, have to every dollar be appropriated in order for that board to function? I think that we need to...we need to check this out very carefully. I am not saying that there is any ill motive involved here, certainly not with this Appropriations Committee. But knowing how statutes once enacted remain on the books forever and ever, that in the future some Appropriations Committee under some other chairman might not call to the attention of the Legislature, for example, as you read through